

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 12C and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, the Center for Health Information and Analysis ("Center") will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the proposal of regulation:

957 CMR 8.00: APCD and Case Mix Data Submission

The proposed regulation, effective August 15, 2014, sets forth the filing requirements, procedures and time frames for Payers and Hospitals to submit All Payer Claims Database ("APCD") and Case Mix data to the Center. The regulation specifies the health care claims data and health plan information that Payers must submit; the case mix and charge data that Hospitals must submit; the procedures for submitting such health care data and information; and the time frame for submitting such health care data and information. The proposed reporting requirements remain largely unchanged from those currently in effect and there are no new or additional reporting requirements. A few outdated or obsolete reporting requirements have been removed and minor changes have been made to wording and definitions.

The Center is proposing this regulation in order to implement the requirements of M.G.L. c. 12C which directs the Center to collect health care data and other information from Payers and Hospitals. It is anticipated that Payers and Hospitals will incur no additional administrative costs to comply with these reporting requirements. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns and no fiscal impact on small businesses.

Individuals that notify the Center of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify the Center of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at www.mass.gov\chia\regulations. Individuals may also submit written testimony by emailing CHIA-Regulations@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Center for Health Information and Analysis, Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116-4704. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, July 28, 2014. Copies of the regulation are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Center for Health Information and Analysis or may be viewed at the Center's website at www.mass.gov\chia\regulations.